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AMENDMENT C

SIR:

In response to the outstanding Examiner's Action (Paper No. 18) issued on March 21, 2000, applicant requests the application be amended as follows:

I. In The Claims:

Please amend claims 5, 15, 17, 18, 20, 22, 24, 25 and 26 as set forth below.

5. (Thrice Amended) A method for making a combination of a thematic package and an article contained within the package, the method including the steps of:
constructing the package as a recognizable icon, the package having a shape that is different than a shape of the article contained therein,
the shape of the package [being suggestive of] visually conveying information about an activity associated with the icon in which the article can be used, and
the package having a hollow interior; and
locating the article within the hollow interior of the package to form a combination of the article and the thematically-shaped package.

15. (Amended) The method of claim 5, wherein the step of constructing includes: constructing a card [from the group consisting of a] symbolizing charge and bank

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